

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A surface treated steel sheet for battery cases having an indium layer at least on one surface thereof.

2. (Original) A surface treated steel sheet for battery cases as set forth in claim 1, wherein the indium layer is formed by electrolytic plating.

3. (Currently Amended) A surface treated steel sheet for battery cases as set forth in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the indium layer is formed on the steel surface supposed to form the inner surface of a battery case.

4. (Currently Amended) A surface treated steel sheet for battery cases as set forth in ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the steel sheet has a nickel or nickel alloy layer formed as a lower layer on its surface supposed to form

the inner surface of a battery case and an indium layer formed as an upper layer thereon.

5. (Original) A surface treated steel sheet for battery cases as set forth in claim 4, wherein the nickel alloy layer contains one or more of a nickel-tin alloy, a nickel-iron alloy, a nickel-iron diffused layer, a nickel-phosphorus alloy and a nickel-cobalt alloy.

6. (Currently Amended) A surface treated steel sheet for battery cases as set forth in ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the steel sheet has an iron-nickel diffused layer formed as a lower layer on its surface supposed to form the inner surface of a battery case, a nickel layer as a middle layer and an indium layer as an upper layer.

7. (Currently Amended) A battery case formed by the deep drawing, DI or DTR method from a surface treated steel sheet for battery cases as set forth in ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1.